Fee Concessions in Private Schools.

373. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that 25 per cent. of the fee concessions granted to school boys are recovered from the managers of private schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are aware that the managers of private schools forego 25 per cent. of the fee income from the students to whom fee concessions are granted while the remaining 75 per cent. of such income is given to the managers by the Government.

Training of Students in the Bose Institute, Calcutta.

374. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the report of a speech made in Bombay recently by Sir J. C. Bose, the eminent Indian scientist, and published in almost all Indian dailies, that the head of the Department of Agriculture in Egypt has sought his permission to send a few Egyptian boys to the Bose Institute, Calcutta, to study the result of the scientific experiments conducted in the Institute, as they would affect the development of agriculture;

(*b*) whether they are aware that Travancore is primarily an agricultural country; and

(*c*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, whether they will consider it advisable to send a small batch of our best Botany and Chemistry graduates to the Bose Institute, Calcutta, for training and research work under this Indian Scientist?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

Issue of Opium and Ganja to Contractors.

375. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the quantity of opium and ganja issued each month to the contractors of opium and ganja shops from the department has been fixed;

(*b*) if so, on what principle it is based; and

(*c*) the reasons for refusing to issue as much opium and ganja as is required by the contractors of shops according to the demand for the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The quantity is not fixed absolutely; but it is generally restricted to the average issue to the shops in the corresponding months of the two previous years.

(*c*) The policy of the Government is to discourage the consumption of opium.

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